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Lions, tigers and bears - oh my... Military answers 'call of the wild' at Honolulu Zoo

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HONOLULU - The Honolulu Zoo hosted a military appreciation day for military service members and their families May 19.

The event featured free admission to the zoo for all military card ID holders, including retirees and National Guard.

Entertainment included live performances by area local rock band Chaotic Five, Hula Halau and Island Storm as well as traditional favorites, the Royal Hawaiian Band and the Marine Corps Band.

"We had more than 6,000 people come to the zoo for the Military Appreciation Day," said Elaine Ota, one of the organizers for the event.

"I was really happy with the attendance. With so many preparations, including thousands of free pizza slices, ice cream and watermelon, I was worried up

until the very end, but it worked out very, very well. The one thing everyone seemed to go crazy for, other than the animals of course, was the watermelon," Ota said.

The Honolulu Zoo is the largest zoo within a radius of 2,300 miles and unique in that it is the only zoo in the United States originating from a king's grant of royal lands to the people.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii started the Military Appreciation Day tradition in 1985, with its Military Affairs Council and the Armed Services Committee, as a one-day event on Armed Forces Day.

The event at the zoo also included appearances by Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Outrigger Enterprises. One of the more unique exhibits was a display of robots by local high schools.

Shuttle buses assisted military service members to reach the event from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) and Schofield Barracks.



Motorists, motorcyclists urged to share the road safely

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Although May is Motorcycle Safety Month, practicing motorcycle safety is vital every day and every month of the year, according to the Department of Defense (DoD).

Before the implementation of the motorcycle safety representative program in 2009, Sailor fatalities reached a high of 33 in 2008 due to motorcycle accidents. Each command is responsible for providing an MSR that will assist with training courses and logging reports.

According to the National Safety Council, fatalities involving motorists and motorcyclists increased 131 percent between 1998 and 2008. They noted that during spring and summer, the number of motorcyclists on the road increases.

Every military branch has specific requirements for motorcycle riders on a military installation, but the minimum DoD requirements are: a helmet that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards, eye protection, over-the-ankle foot protection, and protective clothing that includes either a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants and full-fingered

The NSC offered tips for both motorists and motorcyclists:

Motorists

- Allow greater following distance behind a motorcycle.
- Be extra cautious in intersections. Most crashes occur when a motorist fails to see a motorcyclist and turns left in front of a motorcycle.
- Give a motorcycle the full lane width – never try to share a lane.

Motorcyclists

- Avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
- Position the motorcycle in the lane where you will be out of a motorist's blind spot.
- Use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

gloves. Bright colored gear is recommended and reflective vests are required at night.

“The number one thing that can make motorcycle riders safe is by making sure they attend the basic motorcycle riding skills course. Nothing can come before a robust training program because it prepares the rid-

ers for some of the unknowns on the roads,” said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc Sibal.

“Basic riding skills are critical because they can mean the difference between a horrible accident and avoiding one,” Sibal said.

In order to ride a motorcycle, moped or motor scooter on any DoD installation, riders must pass an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) rider course.

Military, military family members, DOD civilians and DOD contractors are eligible to register for the courses on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upcoming MSF basic rider courses will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 and 5, and June 18 and 19 at Barbers Point.

Sibal emphasized that it is important for Sailors and Airmen to take safety precautions when riding motorcycles because life is valuable. “One motorcyclist lost on the road due to an accident is one too many. Motorcyclists and vehicle drivers all have to look out for each other on the road,” he said. “Because of the inherent dangers with two-wheeled vehicles, it is very important that all drivers on the road are aware of their surroundings and who all are on the road with them.”

“It is paramount to have foresight when you are riding a motorcycle because it may only take a split second to avoid a potential life threatening accident,” Sibal said.

According to the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, safety is one of the key areas of the initiative, which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association also urges motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and stay alert for their presence. It advises both motorcyclists and motorists to re-evaluate their safe driving practices.

More information on motorcycle safety is available on the Naval Safety Center website at <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation website offers free downloadable booklets on riding tips, operator manuals and tire guides. Quick tip sheets are also available. See <http://online2.msf-usa.org/msf/Default.aspx> for more information.

Visit <http://navymotorcyclider.com> to enroll in a class rider's course.

Draft environmental statements available for public review

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions, the U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental impact statement/overseas environmental impact statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with military readiness training and research, development, test and evaluation activities (“training and testing”) conducted within the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) Study Area.

The Navy proposes to conduct training and testing activities primarily within existing range complexes and operating areas located in the waters around the Hawaiian

Islands and off the coast of southern California, Navy pierside locations in both areas and a transit corridor connecting the Hawaii and southern California range complexes.

The proposed action includes the use of active sonar and explosives. The proposed action also includes activities such as sonar maintenance and gunnery exercises conducted by ships in transit between the Hawaii and Southern California range complexes and which may occur outside Navy range complexes.

Additionally, the proposed action includes pierside sonar testing conducted as part of construction, overhaul, modernization, maintenance and repair activities at shipyards and Navy piers in San Diego Bay and Pearl Harbor.

The proposed action would ensure the Navy accomplishes its mission to maintain, train and

equip combat-ready U.S. naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas.

The Navy requests public input on the proposed action and alternatives and the accuracy and adequacy of the draft EIS/OEIS analysis. Copies of the draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review online at www.HSTTEIS.com and at the following information repositories in Hawaii:

- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii and Pacific Section, 478 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96813.
- Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766.
- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
- Wailuku Public Library, 251 High St., Wailuku, HI 96793.
- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720.

The Navy is accepting comments throughout the 60-day public comment period, from May 11, 2012, to July 10. All comments must be postmarked or received online by July 10, for consideration in the final EIS/OEIS. Written comments may be submitted via the project website at www.HSTTEIS.com, in person at the public meetings or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS project manager - EV21.CS 1220 Pacific Highway, building 1, floor 3, San Diego, CA 92132-5190.

Four open house public meetings will be held in Hawaii to inform the public about the Navy's proposed action and to obtain comments on the draft EIS/OEIS. The public may arrive at any time during the open house public meetings. There will not be a formal presentation. However, Navy

representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed action and draft EIS/OEIS. The open house public meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- June 12, at Wilcox Elementary School Cafeteria, 4319 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766
- June 13, at Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria, 795 Onehee Ave. Kahului, HI 96732
- June 14, at East Hawaii Cultural Center, 141 Kalakaua St., Hilo, HI 96720
- June 15, at McKinley High School Cafeteria, 1039 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96814.

One open house public meeting will also be held in southern California on June 20.

Visit the project website at www.HSTTEIS.com to learn more about the project.

Paddle power hits Rainbow Bay Marina

An All-Military Outrigger Canoe Regatta Wounded Warrior event took place May 19 at Rainbow Bay Marina canoe hale. Each division consisted of four categories: men's, women's, mixed and wounded warrior.

Photos courtesy of Reen Haitsuka



First-place 17th OWS defeats Paul Hamilton 3-1

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The 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) gained sole possession of first place in the soccer Gold Division by capturing their eighth victory of the season with a 3-1 win May 19 over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win, coupled with a Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team bye, jettisoned the 17 OWS into the top spot with a record of 8-0-1 for 25 points, while the Paul Hamilton dropped to 3-5-2.

"We did all right," said OWS head coach, retired Master Sgt. Jerry Dolan. "We fell asleep a couple of times with their (Paul Hamilton) athleticism. I've watched this team before, so I knew that they were very athletic and they did a great job – especially for playing us short. I'm happy."

Paul Hamilton started off the game with one player shy of a full starting lineup, but, due to their quickness, the team was able to hang in with the 17 OWS until mid-way through the first half.

Only minutes to go before halftime, the 17 OWS finally cracked the Paul Hamilton's tough defense when Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte took a pass from Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks and booted in a straight-away shot into the net for the first goal of the game.

"He (Hicks) gave me a good through ball," Aponte said about his goal. "I took a quick shot, like coach Dolan has been telling us, and I was able to make it into the corner."

The shot seemed to awaken the 17 OWS as the team

began taking it to the goal with vigor.

Four more shots on goal

came up empty for the 17 OWS before the team put away another ball on a crisp pass from Senior Airman John Steigerwald to 1st Lt. David Moreno, who poked in a goal with a perfectly timed header for a 2-0 lead at halftime.

"He (Steigerwald) sent it right into the center," Moreno recalled. "So all I had to do was get in front of the defender and head it in. It wasn't even that big of a header – just touch it and off to go over the goalie."

In the first half, the 17 OWS outkicked Paul Hamilton by a margin of 8-0 and continued their onslaught in the opening minutes of the second half.

After two kicks on goal, the 17 OWS made good on their third attempt when Ashley Dolan, the coach's daughter, made a clean pass to Moreno out on the right wing.

Moreno beat the Paul Hamilton goalkeeper to the ball, and then placed a shot to the middle of the goal for a 3-0 advantage.

"Ashley did a beautiful job of holding on until I made it to the outside," Moreno pointed out. "All I had to do was make sure that he (goalkeeper) wasn't going to get to the ball, so slap touch and it went in."

Paul Hamilton responded to Moreno's second goal of the game with a goal of their own, when Chief Electrician's Mate Anthony Cousins kicked in a score on



Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte, striker for the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS), boots a shot past a defender from USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) for the first score of the game during a matchup of Gold Division teams.

a straightaway shot down the middle.

However, the 17 OWS clamped down on defense and held Paul Hamilton to only one kick on goal the rest of the way to preserve the victory.

"Our defense can play well. That's kind of our consistency," Dolan noted.

Although the win put the

17 OWS ahead of the pack in the Gold Division by two points, Dolan said the lead won't change the way his team plays.

"It doesn't feel any different," said Dolan about the view from the top. "I don't really look at that kind of stuff. We're moving forward as a team. We got a couple of new players that have come

into the unit, so now we'll change our goals and objectives to blend them into our team. I kind of look more at that. The record will take care of itself."

No matter what the future promises, Dolan said that as long as the team plays to their fullest potential, he'll be satisfied.

"There's a lot of skills and

talent out there, and the fact that we're undefeated has nothing to do with us," Dolan said. "God's got a plan and whatever is going to play is going to play. If nothing else happens, my guys will come out and give 110 percent. If I get 110 percent, I'll shake everybody's hand and say, 'Thank you very much. It's been a great season.'"

Clutch hitting keeps Pound Town on winning track

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The intense rivalry between the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town and the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) intramural softball teams, long dominated by HIANG, has taken a decided turn in favor of Pound Town over the past couple of years.

With the two squads squaring off May 21, the 647 SFS continued their current trend by toppling the HIANG in a mercy-rule-shortened game, 12-2, at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The victory kept the 647 SFS tied at the top of the White Division with a record of 8-1, while the HIANG lost their second game of the season and has a mark of 7-2.

Pound Town pitcher Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson, who has participated in quite a few of the showdowns with HIANG over the years, threw four shutout innings in going the distance, while driving in five of the team's runs with three clutch singles –



Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson follows through after delivering an RBI single for 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town in the team's White Division matchup against the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG).

two of them coming with two outs.

"The big thing is, with HIANG, we know them so well," Wooderson said. "I kind of know where they try to position themselves, and I've known chief (HIANG pitcher Chief Master Sgt. Vince Ramos)

for a long time and he gives me a lot of respect. So a lot of times, if he gives me a pitch, it's only one and I better take it."

As good as Wooderson's day at the plate was, he wasn't the only member of Pound Town who was tearing it up while at-bat.

Master Sgt. Sam Nelson and Airman 1st Class Matthew Lewis produced run-scoring singles with two outs in a six-run explosion in the top of the third and Tech. Sgt. Devin Stuckey, while wearing the pink shirt after striking out in the third inning, came back and blasted a two-out, two-run triple in the top of the fifth.

In total, Pound Town

scored eight of its 12 runs with two outs.

Another hot hitter, Airman 1st Class Tweeter Riddle, went 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles and a single with an RBI.

"Main thing is we hit the ball," Riddle said. "We've been having some bat problems with a lot of people flying out. Our main thing in this game was to keep getting base hits."

Although Wooderson was having a great day on the mound in giving up only two singles over five innings, while facing the minimum of three hitters in the final three frames, Ramos, who struggled to get the third out in four out of the five innings, offered no excuses for absorbing the HIANG's second loss of the season.

"I mean it's not fast pitch. It's all slow pitch," said Ramos, who complimented Pound Town on their hitting, while mentioning his team's inability to keep the ball in play. "We just weren't hitting the ball. You've got to hit it on the ground, that's basically it. We were flying out. We were off-balance. Three outs and we were gone."

While Pound Town has held an advantage over their rival for the past three years, Wooderson cautioned that the HIANG should pose a serious threat once the

postseason gets underway.

"We're undefeated against the HIANG for the last three years," Wooderson pointed out. "But you got to remember that out of the past 13 years, they (HIANG) beat us 10. We know that they never play to their full potential until playoff time. Now that they see where they're at, they know exactly what they need to do."

He said the secret to Pound Town's continued success lies in their ability to stay healthy and keep loose.

"It's like we always talk about with Pound Town," he said. "When we go out there, we want to win at all cost, and the only way we're going to do that is to stay loose. That's the whole purpose – to have fun. If we're not having fun, we're not playing Pound Town softball."

No doubt the playful antics of Wooderson has been a point of motivation for Pound Town, although not all of his opponents have shared in the levity of his constant chatter and ribbing.

"If I'm not smiling, joking around, trying to cheer my guys up and getting them laughing, it's just not even worth it," he admitted. "Air Force guys are used to me. The Navy guys aren't used to me, and that's who we want."

Memorial Day observances scheduled for May 27, 28

Several events have been planned across Oahu to observe the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

May 27:

- A Pacific American Foundation ceremony at 10 a.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.
- The USS Arizona Memorial 50th anniversary, hosted by the National Park Service at 2:30 p.m. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; former Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi; and Hawaii Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa will speak.

• Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 5 p.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

May 28:

- Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle's ceremony at 8:45 a.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.
- Submarine Veterans Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at Submarine Park and Parche Memorial, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Adm. Cecil Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will serve as guest speaker.
- Gov. Neil Abercrombie's ceremony at 1 p.m. at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe.

Aloha Jewish Chapel members honored

Capt. Sal Aguilera

CNRH/CNSG MIDPAC Chaplain

The women of Hadassah Hawaii, who recently celebrated their 100th anniversary, honored members of the Aloha Jewish Chapel on May 18.

A fellowship hour was prepared and served to the active duty military

community after regular Friday evening, Shabbat services.

Daniel Bender, Jewish lay leader at the chapel, led services.

Participants included Karran Uhr, president of Hadassah, Hawaii; Harriet Weisman; Capt. Howard Goldman; Cmdr. Shelly Gerring, retired; Sgt. First Class Brian Field and children.

Longtime members of

the Aloha Jewish Chapel Lillian Malzman and Jack Epstein also participated.

All active duty military and their families are welcome to join Shabbat services and fellowship hour on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel, adjacent to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Makalapa Gate.

Seesaw affair ends in win for 120th Fighter Wing

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The 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1) scored two runs in the last inning to erase a one-run deficit May 22 and defeat the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Killer Bees, 13-12, in an intramural softball Gold Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Fighter Wing fought back after falling behind three times to outlast the Killer Bees in a sixth-inning thriller that capped off a quartet of games that were played at Millican Field.

“After last week (a 24-2 loss to Kunia), to come out with a win, it feels good,” said Senior Airman Casey Lalonde, who drove in the game-winning run with a single. It wasn’t easy. They (Killer Bees) did a good job of coming back into the game. They kept on chipping away and they didn’t give up. It made for a fun game.”

Although both teams



Pitcher Senior Airman Casey Lalonde went the distance to gain the win as the 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1) fought back from behind three times to defeat the Killer Bees, 13-12, in an intramural Gold Division game.

entered the matchup tied for last place with 1-6 records, the squads fought tooth and nail to claw their way up from the cellar.

The Killer Bees drew blood first when pitcher

Builder 2nd Class Fabian Flores crushed a pitch off of Lalonde that went past the outfield and rolled to the center-field fence for a two-run, inside-the-park homer in the top of the first.

Lalonde, though, stung the Killer Bees while at-bat in the bottom of the first, when he pumped a two-run double with two outs to tie the score after one frame.

In the top of the second, the Killer Bees took their second lead of the game after Construction, Equipment Operator Striker Seaman Danna Colemanutu led off and reached third base on two infield throwing errors by the 120.

She later scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly for a 3-2 advantage.

Once again, the Bees’ lead was short-lived as the 120 immediately responded with a huge rally to move back out in front.

In the bottom of the second, the 120 bats came alive as the team delivered seven singles and batted around the order to drive in a total of seven runs.

Staff Sgt. Dave Scott came up with a clutch two-run single in the second to keep the rally going and was followed by Lalonde, who stroked a single to drive in Scott for his third RBI of the game.

Down but not out, the Killer Bees began their

uphill climb by getting back four runs in the top of the third.

The rally was started after one out with Flores crushing his second inside-the-park homer to spark the team’s comeback.

While the 120 added a single run in the bottom of the third, the Killer Bees raised the ceiling again by putting up another four runs to take an 11-10 lead.

The big hit in the inning was provided by Builder 1st Class David Combs, who clubbed a deep shot over the left-field fence to drive in three runs.

The 120 came back to tie the score in the bottom of the fifth, but the Killer Bees scratched out a one-run lead after Combs connected for a triple and then scored on a sacrifice fly.

In the last inning, Senior Airman Zach Olson got things started for the 120 by hitting a leadoff double.

After Staff Sgt. James Steffenson drew a walk to put men on first and second with no outs, the 120 tied the game on a sacrifice by Scott before Lalonde sliced a single to drive in Steffenson with the game winner.

“When I got up to the plate, the ump said to me, ‘No pressure. Don’t choke,’” Lalonde said. “I knew James was on third, and I knew he’d get home no matter how I hit it.”

Flores, who jacked two homers in a losing cause, said while the team dropped its eighth game of the season, he is extremely pleased at the way the Killer Bees fought back.

“It’s the determination of the players because this team has come a long way,” Flores said. “They (teammates) put their hearts into this game, and it was a good game for us. You see other teams and the way they built their team up and that’s what we want.”

Lalonde said that while this will probably be the first and only time that the 120 would play in the joint base league, he and his teammates are here to enjoy playing, but it’s also satisfying to win.

“We’re just playing for fun because we love the game,” he stated. “After a long day at work, we love to be here and play some softball.”

Girls can learn to fly at PAM summer ‘flight school’

Pacific Aviation
Museum Pearl Harbor

Sixth through eighth grade female students have an opportunity to soar at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s new “flight school” program this summer.

Developed by Dr. Shauna Tonkin, Director of Education, the museum’s program introduces girls to the history and science of flight on three consecutive weekdays, June 26 to 28, July 10 to 12 and July 24 to 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“It’s a program aimed at

helping girls discover the importance of flight for the growth and development of our society,” Tonkin said.

The program consists of immersive, hands-on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation—and fun—while exploring scientific principles of flight through demonstrations and experiments, learning to “fly” in the museum’s flight simulation lab, operating remote controlled aircraft, and meeting the pioneers of aviation through presentations by costumed interpreters.

The cost is \$120 which includes all materials, lunch, snack and a “flight school” logo t-shirt. Upon successful completion of “flight school,” the young women will receive a “license” that confirms their participation and gives them free admission for a future visit to the museum.

For more information and reservations, or to volunteer to assist the program, call 441-1005 or email ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum



PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM **Maniawa Nanea** LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER DANCE
Join fellow classmates for a night of dancing to celebrate the start of summer from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Teen Center. The cost is \$5 per youth ages 13 to 18. The teen center band will perform. FMI: 448-0418.

SALSA SATURDAY
Free salsa dancing will take place starting at 9 p.m. Saturday at Brews and Cues. The event will include free pupus. FMI: 473-1743.

WEEKEND MOVIE SPECIAL
Active-duty personnel will receive free admission to the 4:45 p.m. show Sunday at Sharkey Theater for Memorial Day weekend. FMI: 473-0726.

BEACH DAY AND BARBECUE
A free Memorial Day beach day and barbecue with Liberty will be held Monday. Depart Liberty Express at 9 a.m., Beeman Center at 9:45 a.m., Instant Liberty at 10 a.m. and Makai Recreation Center at 10:15 a.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

MEMORIAL DAY PIZZA AND BOWLING
Get a free game of bowling with the purchase of a 16-inch pizza at the Naval Station Bowling Center's Harbor Grill snack bar from noon to 6 p.m. Monday. FMI: 473-2574.

BANANA BOAT RIDES
Zip around Hickam Harbor on a banana boat with professional life-guards from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$5 for 15 minutes. FMI: 449-5215.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF
It's time again for Morale, Welfare and Recreation's summer reading program, with a variety of activities happening through July 14. The kickoff is from 10 a.m. to noon May 29. This year's theme is "Reading is So Delicious." Sign up at the Hickam Library. FMI: 449-8299.

ALL-MILITARY SURF MEET
The HIC/Quiksilver All-Military Surf Meet will take place at 7:30 a.m. June 9 at White Plains Beach. Sign up by June 7. The cost is \$35 for the open division, \$25 for active duty military with valid ID and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Contestants receive a T-shirt. FMI: www.greatlifehawaii.com or 682-4925..

For more information on events, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Community Calendar

May
25, 28 ~ In observance of Memorial Day, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, NAVPTO and Commercial Travel Office will operate with a reduced staff from noon to 4 p.m. today and will be closed May 28. PSD will resume normal hours May 29. FMI: 471-2405, ext. 5101 or email ethel.carino@navy.mil.

28 ~ Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Memorial Day holiday. Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the holiday. FMI: Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402 or Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

28 ~ A Home of the Brave Quilt Project will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid admission. See quilts being made and sign one that will be presented to the family of a fallen Hawaii Soldier. May 28 is also Military Appreciation Day at the museum. Admission is free to military members and their families with valid ID. FMI: 441-1000 or visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

30 ~ Representatives of the Honolulu Passport Agency will be available at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept passport applications and answer questions. FMI: email honolulu@state.gov.

June
1 ~ The City and County of Honolulu will be conducting the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

1 ~ The Battle of Midway Heritage event, in recognition of the impact the Battle of Midway had on the Navy and nation, will be held as part of the 70th anniversary of the battle. From 2 to 3 p.m., a Battle of Midway Heritage event will be held at Kilo piers 7/8, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All hands are invited and encouraged to attend a presentation on the Battle of Midway, Station Hypo, and the successes of the Pacific Fleet intelligence team during World War II. Retired Rear Adm. Donald Showers will speak. FMI: email shawn.modisette@navy.mil or joe.romero@navy.mil or call 474-4452.

Movie Showtimes



American Reunion (R)

In the comedy American Reunion, all the American Pie characters we met a little more than a decade ago are returning to East Great Falls for their high school reunion. In one long-overdue weekend, they will discover what has changed, who hasn't and that time and distance can't break the bonds of friendship. It was summer 1999 when four small-town Michigan boys began a quest to lose their virginity. In the years that have passed, Jim and Michelle married while Kevin and Vicky said goodbye. Oz and Heather grew apart, but Finch still longs for Stifler's mom. Now these lifelong friends have come home as adults to reminisce about – and get inspired by – the hormonal teens who launched a comedy legend.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM American Reunion (R)

SATURDAY
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)
7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)
4:45 PM The Hunger Games (PG-13)
free to active duty personnel
7:15 PM American Reunion (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY
7:00 PM The Lucky One (PG-13)

SATURDAY
4:00 PM The Three Stooges (PG)
7:00 PM The Lucky One (PG-13)

SUNDAY
2:00 PM The Three Stooges (PG)



Golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours announced

Pacific Historic Parks

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the USS Arizona Memorial, the U.S. Navy, National Park Service and the Pacific Historic Parks have announced their exclusive Pearl Harbor sunset boat tours May 27 and 28.

These boat tours are being organized as a fundraiser for the refurbishment and restoration of the USS Arizona Memorial.

The USS Arizona Memorial is the final resting place for 1,177 Sailors and Marines.

The majority of these Sailors were entombed in the ship when an armor-piercing bomb cut through its decks and hit the Arizona's armory that caused a horrific explosion. More than 30 men who survived the initial blast have chosen to be buried alongside their shipmates aboard the USS Arizona upon their passing.

The golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours are open to the public and will start at 5:30 p.m. They will offer a fully narrated



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johnnie R. Robbins

tour around Ford Island with a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Each tour will include a National Park Service official tour guide. Couples are asked to donate a minimum of \$50 or more to the restoration fund of the USS Arizona Memorial.

“Time, exposure to the elements and the high demand to visit this site has left the USS Arizona Memorial in need of repairs,” stated Paul DePrey, superintendent for the National

Park Service in Pearl Harbor, in a news release.

DePrey added, “This course of the coming year, we are planning to replace sections of the flooring, make repairs to the entry hall, assembly hall, and refurbishing the exterior surface of the structure. The restoration also includes the replacement of the entire marble wall in the shrine room, which displays the names of the fallen heroes. The USS Arizona Memorial is one of the

most dramatic and identifiable pieces of mid-century modernist architecture in the Pacific. We must act as good stewards of this site to ensure that it has another 50 years ahead of it.”

Individuals and families interested in the golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours can visit www.PacificHistoricParks.org or call 954-8721. Donations for the refurbishment of the USS Arizona Memorial can also be made by visiting <http://restore.arizonamemorial.org>.

Art and essay contest

In addition, the National Park Service has also announced the launch of their USS Arizona Memorial art and essay contest.

The USS Arizona Memorial opened to the public on Memorial Day, 1962. Last year, approximately 1.7 million people visited the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor, making it the number-one visitor destination in Hawaii. People come from all over the world to this historic site to see where World War II began for

the United States on Dec. 7, 1941.

The 50th anniversary art and essay contest is open to all individuals except for employees of the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks, immediate family members and its affiliates. Individuals may submit one entry for art and one entry for the essay contest.

Complete contest rules and prizes are available at www.PacificHistoricParks.org and contest applications must be submitted by June 15. The contest is open to three age groups: grades K-6, grades 7-12 and individuals 18 years of age or older. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and artistic or writing ability.

“This year’s 50th anniversary theme for the USS Arizona Memorial is ‘built to honor and understand,’ DePrey said. “We are inviting students and adults from all over the world to participate in our 50th anniversary art and essay contest to express their emotions and feelings for this historic place.”

Air Force leaders visit Nimitz Elementary curriculum fair



Photos courtesy of Nimitz Elementary School

Nimitz Elementary School held a curriculum fair during May 14 - 18.

Students stood by their displays to present their grade level projects, which incorporated a combination of different disciplines from math, science, language arts and technology.

Left photo, Lt. Col Mark Henry, 647th Air Base Group deputy commander, admires students' work at the Nimitz Elementary School curriculum fair. Center photo, Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Cron, 647th Air Base Group senior enlisted advisor, confers with the school children at the fair. Right photo, Darren Dean, Air Force liaison, checks out a display as students explain their projects.



WWII veteran receives ‘Heart of a Hero’ award

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The Young Patriot’s Club of Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) presented the first “Heart of a Hero” award to retired Rear Adm. Lloyd “Joe” Vasey, a Hawaii resident and World War II veteran, during an awards ceremony May 17 at NHKS.

The idea of the Heart of a Hero award was designed and generated by the students in grades first through fourth of NHKS Young Patriot’s Club to honor local military heroes. Vasey was chosen to be the first recipient based on his military service and heroic attributes such as bravery, honesty and selfless contributions to the community.



Retired Rear Adm. Lloyd “Joe” Vasey, a Hawaii resident and World War II veteran, is escorted by Cmdr. Kurt Chivers from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as he arrives at the Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS). Vasey was presented with the first “Heart of a Hero” award by the Young Patriot’s Club during a ceremony May 17.

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“This award is very special to me because it was presented by students that represent the future of America,” Vasey said. “These children displayed true patriotism, and I am very honored to be here today.”

Vasey’s naval career included a wide spectrum of assignments starting on the Iowa-class battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) on which he was part of the original crew, making him a plank owner.

He later served on various ships and submarines,

including the Gato-class submarine, USS Gunnel (SS-253) where he was the executive officer for their fourth war patrol from May 1944 to July 1944.

Next he served as the commanding officer of the all-gun heavy cruiser, USS St. Paul (CA-73) from September 1964 to June 1965 and later as commander of the supply ship USNS Kawishiwi (T-AO-146) from 1961-1962.

Monique Raduziner, NHKS Young Patriot’s Club founder and group mentor, created the club in 2007 to offer students a chance to recognize and increase their awareness and importance of the history that surrounds their school and

serves the military community.

Students received instructions from Sailors from Naval Submarine Support Command on how to render honors and proudly “rang aboard” and saluted Vasey as part of the day’s ceremonies.

“The Young Patriot’s Club wanted to honor a true hero, and when they learned the history about Rear Adm. Vasey, they knew right then that he would be the perfect recipient for this award,” Raduziner said.

“The excitement and enthusiasm they displayed while doing their research truly showed that they all thought that he definitely has a heart of a hero.”

Memorial Day weekend events planned at NEX

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Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) is planning a variety of special events this Memorial Day weekend.

An NEX annual Memorial Day event will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. now through Monday at the NEX parking lot. In honor of past and present service members, NEX will hold the Memorial Day tent event, including entertainment, demonstrations, giveaways, special appearances, movie night, competitions, health education and fitness education.

A free live performance by the “11th Hour Band” will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the NEX mall. Hear the sounds of acoustic guitar music and modern music. Chief Doyle Purdy is the lead singer of the band. An NEX food truck event will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Saturday at the NEX parking lot. The event is open to active duty members, their

families and all other authorized patrons (Department of Defense card holders) and sponsored guests.

NEX free movie nights for authorized patrons featuring the movie “Despicable Me” today and “Cars 2” on Saturday will be held in the NEX parking lot. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring beach mats, chairs and towels. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis at the aloha center. A ticket is good for one free beverage and one free bag of popcorn during the movie. Prior to the movie, there will be entertainment giveaways.

In addition, two free keiki (children) ID events are planned for the weekend.

A keiki ID event with the Honolulu Police Department will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the NEX parking lot. Another keiki ID event, this time with McGruff, will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday at the NEX mall children’s department, courtesy of NCIS and the attorney general’s department.

For more information on the events, call 423-3287.

WHO SAID IT?

“Offense is the essence of air power.”

Last Week's

WHO SAID IT?

“We have met the enemy and they are ours...”

Oliver Hazard Perry

This Week's Trivia

When were the first flight surgeons assigned at U.S. airfields?

Last Issue's Question: What World War II naval battle began on May 4, 1942?

Answer: The Battle of Coral Sea began on that date. It was a major naval battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II between the Imperial Japanese Navy and Allied naval and air forces from the United States and Australia.